

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0043] with the following paragraph:

--[0043] Multi-beveled point 120 is characterized by a length "L" and is formed through a plurality of individual bevels that together define a beveled face 140 about the periphery of fluid opening 122. In the embodiment disclosed by applicants herein, the multi-beveled point is characterized by a primary bevel 130; a pair of middle bevels 132a, 132b; and a pair of tip bevels 134a, 134b. Each of the pair of middle bevels 132a, 132b and each of the pair of tip bevels 134a, 134b are substantially symmetrically formed on opposite sides of primary bevel 130, as will be further described hereinbelow. Adjacent middle and tip bevels 132a, 134a meet at an intersect 138a demarcating the respective planes at which the middle and tip bevels are formed. Adjacent middle and tip bevels 132b, 134b likewise meet at an intersect 138b. Tip bevels 134a, 134b meet at appointed apex 136 which first enters the skin of a patient (or sealing material associated with a fluid carrying vessel). As shown in the FIGS., certain bevels may be formed with greater lengths than other bevels. For example, with reference to FIG. 5, and considering the middle bevel 132a as a first bevel, and counting clockwise therefrom (i.e., the primary bevel 130 is a second bevel; the middle bevel 132b is a third bevel; the tip bevel 134b is a fourth bevel; and the tip bevel 134a is a fifth bevel), the first and third bevels (e.g., the middle bevels 132a and 132b) may be formed with lengths greater than the second, fourth and fifth bevels (e.g., the primary bevel 130 and the tip bevels 134a and 134b).--